

Amendments to the Specification

Replace paragraph [0014] (page 7, lines 12-22) with the following amended paragraph:

[0014]

(First Embodiment)

Referring now to the drawings, a description will be given of a first embodiment in which the present invention is embodied as an image forming apparatus (color printer). Fig. 1 is a diagram schematically illustrating the interior of an image forming apparatus 10. It should be noted that in this first embodiment a description will be given of the embodiment of printing with a monochromatic toner, i.e., monochrome printing, in which a black toner accommodated in four development units ~~24~~ 23 (231 to 234) is used.

Replace paragraph [0019] (page 10, lines 2-12) with the following amended paragraph:

[0019]

In addition, as shown in Fig. 3, each of the development units 231 to 234 is provided with a nonvolatile memory ~~23~~ 23e (shown as a memory in Fig. 3) constituted by a ROM as a color-information storing means and a storage means for storing the amount of toner consumed. Identification information for allowing each development unit 231 to 234 to be individually identified, such as toner color information, consumption amount information, and the date of manufacture of the toner accommodated in the case 23a, is stored in each nonvolatile memory 23e.

Replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

An image forming apparatus including an electrostatic latent image carrier ~~for carrying an electrostatic latent image on a peripheral surface thereof~~, a plurality of development units each accommodating a toner ~~and adapted to develop the electrostatic latent image by the toner~~, a development unit holder ~~capable of~~ for

holding the ~~plurality of~~ development units, and a control unit for ~~the development unit holder for~~ controlling the operation of the development unit holder and for selectively changing over the development unit, ~~used in development among the plurality of development units, the image forming apparatus comprising: an~~ An identifying device ~~for identifying at least~~ identifies toner color information ~~on the toner accommodated in the development unit, wherein~~ and the development unit holder is capable of holding at least two development units accommodating the toner of a same color, ~~and wherein the~~ The control unit identifies ~~the~~ development units of the same color based on the color information identified by the identifying device, and controls the operation of the development unit holder ~~so as~~ to effect monochrome development by using the at least two development units.